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LIVING GOD'S LOVE by

- GOING DEEPER INTO GOD
- MAKING NEW DISCIPLES
- TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

with generosity, joy, imagination and courage

The Reaching New People Team is part of the Diocesan Mission Department and works alongside the Flourishing Churches Team, Youth and Children's team and Community and Justice advisors.

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REACHING NEW PEOPLE

The Reaching New People team is here to inspire and support you to create and develop worshipping communities for people who have never been, or no longer come to church.

We're working with churches, parishes, benefices, teams, chaplaincies and BMOs of all shapes and sizes across the diocese - in rural villages, market towns, new housing developments and urban areas.

So wherever you are and whatever tradition you come from, we're here to work with you to **begin new worshipping communities and to reimagine existing groups** to enable them to make new disciples of Christ and to help those people to grow in faith.

As well as a more formal, traditional service on Sunday mornings, you may also be thinking about starting or nurturing a café church, a messy mass, a walking group, a forest church, an after-school drop-in for teenagers, a breakfast group for Dads, a new group meeting in a local school or pub, a lunch club for older people or an all-age service at a different time of the week. You may have one or more of these groups already and want to develop further to grow the faith of its members.

There are so many possibilities, but the aim is the same - to see the lives of people around you changed.

The Reaching New People team offers six types of support:

CONSULTANCY

tailored and ongoing support for leaders by the RNP Development Officer for your archdeaconry

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

meeting with leaders of other similar worshipping communities and learning from each other as you grow

TRAINING

practical, interactive learning (Explore, Integrate and Engage); longer-term in depth pioneering training in collaboration with CMS and regular online resources to help you as you begin a new worshipping community and enable it to mature

COACHING

professional training in 'Transforming Conversations' to equip you to coach and encourage others. Also one-to-one coaching with an RNP Development Officer

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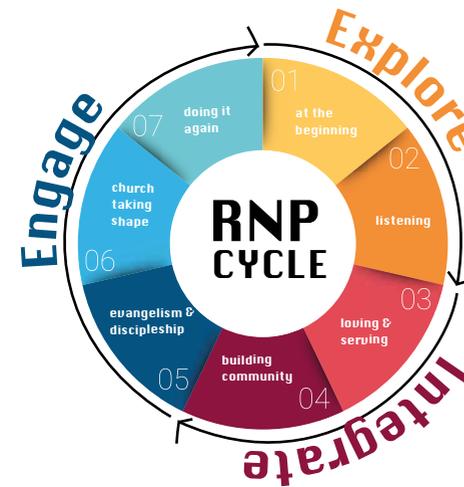
funding for your new worshipping communities

INDICATOR PACK

monitoring the impact and effectiveness of the work you're doing and helping you to track your progress and set future goals

THE RNP DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

We've drawn up a simple cycle to map the development of worshipping communities.



You may be taking the first steps in listening to the people around you and understanding how you might be able to work together to meet their needs; you may be gathering together a new group around a shared interest; you may be well on the way with building a real sense of community or you may be trying to figure out how you encourage those in your group to grow

in their faith and to develop a pattern of prayer, worship and celebration of the sacraments.

Wherever you are on this journey we offer the opportunity to track your progress and set some achievable goals. The RNP Development Cycle illustrates the stages of development of a worshipping community from 1 (at the beginning) to 7 (doing it again). We've also based our 'Explore', 'Integrate' and 'Engage' training around these stages of development.

Research conducted in more than twenty diocese across the Church of England over the past few years has found that new worshipping communities are generally good at making progress in the initial stages of this journey - listening, loving and serving' and 'building community' - but we're not so good at encouraging our groups to make new disciples and demonstrate that people are growing in faith.

The Reaching New People team is committed to enabling you to develop your worshipping communities further with renewed confidence and purpose.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

RNP VISION DAY

A great introduction - Bring your PCC, team or leadership group to explore how you could reach new people in your area. The days are free and you'll find the dates and booking details on our website www.stalbans.anglican.org/rnp/share/vision-day

